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In re Application of:)
Teppei Yokota et al.) Group Art Unit: 2627
Application No.: 10/732,887) Examiner: Nabil Z. Hindi
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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR RECORDING DATA ONTO A PREDETERMINED RECORDING MEDIUM))))
Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	

Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents on the attached listing. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits after filing a Request for Continued Examination.

Copies of the listed foreign and non-patent literature documents are attached.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

English abstracts of Japanese Patent Publication Nos. 03-198263, 04-123320, 04-366470 are attached. English translations of remaining Japanese patent publications are also attached.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claims in the application and Applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

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Respectfully submitted,

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